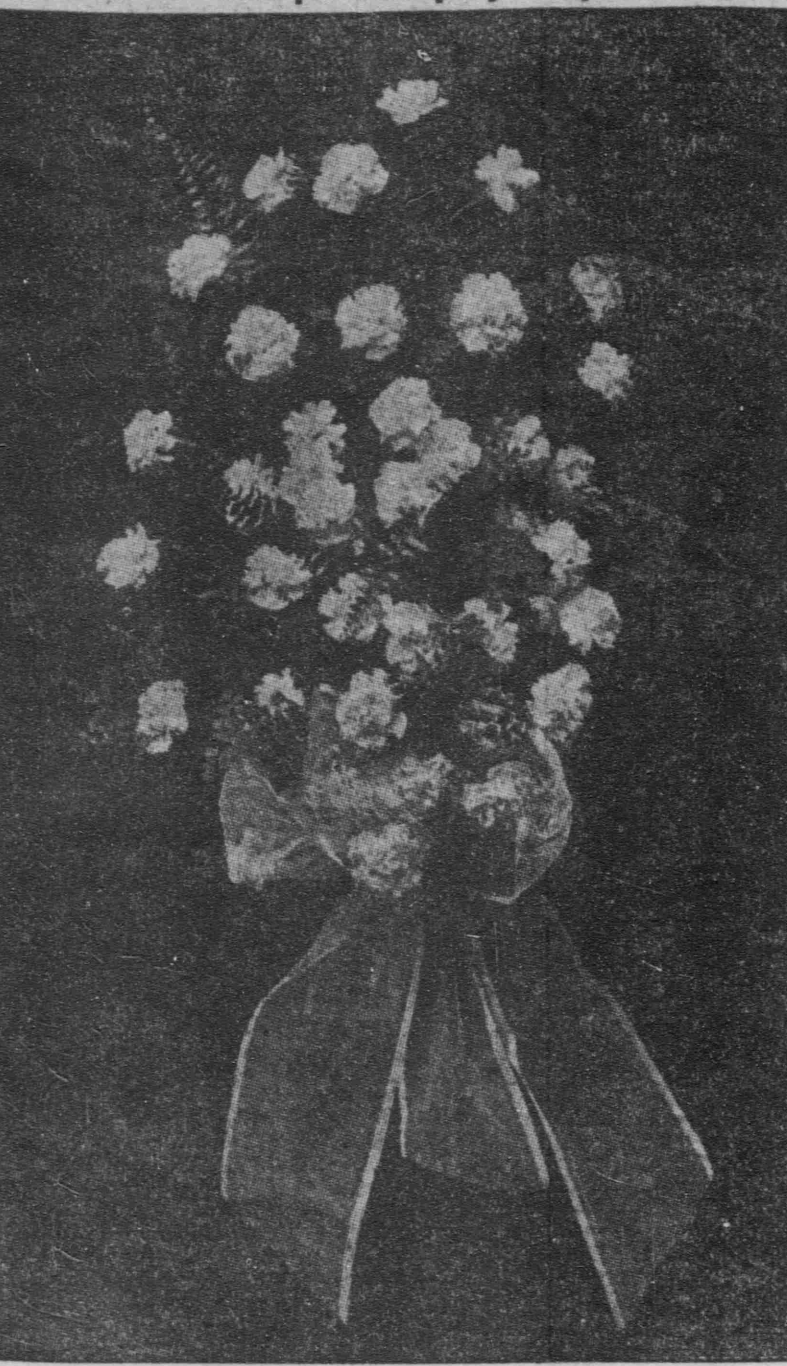


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For sundry years he used to work around a drug store, as a clerk. The druggist said: "I'll always claim that he's the worst clerk in the game. His head is made of wood and zinc; he has no brains with which to think." He got a job at hilling hay, and lasted just a half a day; he got a job at pounding sand; he failed as drummer in the band; he failed at this, he failed at that, until employers thundered, "Scat!" when he arrived to seek a place, a humble smile upon his face. "He never will amount to shucks; he couldn't earn a dozen bucks if he should live a thousand years," folks said, while smiling through their tears. And then this man of many cares and failures, bought some Belgian hares, and raised the critters for the mart, and saw his dark blue luck depart. Full soon he rode in auto cars, and smoked Havana made cigars, and built a house on Easy street, and wore silk slippers on his feet. At last he'd found the thing for which he was adapted, and grew rich. And thus it is with many now, with "failure" written on the brow. Some day, worn out by jolt and jar, they'll find their own propitious star, and hitch their wagons to its tail, and travel up, and cease to fail.

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WALT MASON.

"AS YOU LIKE IT" GIVEN BY BEN GREET PLAYERS

The Ben Greet Players, after a short vacation, reopened their season on the Belasco Theater roof last night with a good performance of "As You Like It." This comedy is always a favorite, and consequently a large audience was in attendance.

The moon came into view just as the performance began, and the breeze rustling in the "scenery" of foliage made a David Belasco effect, which was most attractive. The company has been considerably strengthened for this production. Mr. A. Hyton Allen having returned from New York to appear as Orlando, and Miss Mills having been advanced to the position of leading lady. The latter's Rosalind was a most creditable effort. She read well and in no sense overacted the part. Her scenes with Orlando were delightfully acted and her rendering of the epilogue was exquisite.

Miss Violet Vivian was as Cecilia, but Miss Ruth was not a particularly good Audrey. Unlike Mr. Seymour, who played William, Miss Ruth neglected her opportunities for low comedy effects, which in Shakespearean clowns is always permissible, and indeed, requisite. The Touchstone of Mr. Greet is not the best thing he has done, but while he read with the usual accompaniment of groans and asides, he was able to convey the meaning at all times. The speech of the lie seven times removed was not especially well delivered, however, as Mr. Greet showed a marked tendency to chopchoppiness, as though in too big a hurry to get it through.

Mr. Crawley, on the other hand, gave his speech of the seven ages with measured effect and with admirable emphasis. During his reading of it, however, Mr. Flood, who played the Duke, and George Vivian, who played the First Lord, committed the error of turning their backs upon the speaker, when it was obvious that he commanded their rapt attention.

Among those last night worthy of mention for good work are Charles Hopkins, who played Silvius, and Leonard Bolton, who was the Adam. The Orlando of Mr. Allen was the best thing

he has done in Washington, and Miss Mills caught precisely the proper spirit of the sham love making. Indeed, both Miss Mills and Mr. Allen shared the honors of the evening. They play well opposite each other, and seemed to realize their responsibilities in being in touch with the best scenes and lines of the evening.

To-night "As You Like It" will be repeated, with Mr. Crawley as Touchstone and Mr. Greet as Jacques. On Saturday, at the matinee and evening performances, "Twelfth Night" will be given, with Miss Violet Vivian appearing for the first time in her career as Viola and Mr. Greet as Malvolio.

W. O.

TRADE BODIES MAY UNITE

Chamber Names Committee to Confer with Retailers.

It Will Endeavor to Work Out a Plan by Which Both Can Get Together.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon a committee of seven was created to confer with the officers and governing board of the Retail Merchants' Association with reference to a working basis by which the retailers may become a branch of the chamber. The committee consists of D. J. Kaufman, chairman; James F. Oyster, A. Leftwich Sinclair, J. I. Weller, D. S. Porter, Harry King, and Chapin Brown.

This committee was appointed after a general discussion of the matter, following a report submitted by Joseph Strasburger, chairman of the retail trade committee and president of the new organization. This report expressed the general desire of the retail merchants to affiliate with the chamber, but that the feeling was the constitution of the older body is not broad enough to admit of as much freedom of action as the merchants desire.

A meeting of the chamber committee will be held to-day to consider a plan of action in reference to the matter, and it is likely that a joint meeting of the two committees will be held later. The directors yesterday authorized the secretary to provide 1,000 badges to be used by the local committee in charge of the national and international conventions of prison reform, which will meet in Washington in September.

COLONEL WORRIED BY WESTERN TRIP

Swamped with Requests to Make Political Speeches.

MAIL IS STILL POURING IN

Unable to Catch Up with His Correspondence—Pays No Attention to Rumor of New Party to Consist of Radicals—Will Take Active Part in New York State Campaign.

Oyster Bay, July 21.—Sagamore Hill passed another day of quiet. The report from Des Moines, Iowa, in the newspapers, saying that a new political party, including Roosevelt, Bryan, and other factional leaders, was to be formed, didn't make the slightest difference in the colonel's plans to keep to himself and work.

Simply because there have not been the customary pilgrimages to the Hill during the past two days does not mean that Col. Roosevelt is resting. He is not.

To-day he kept on in an attempt to reduce the stack of correspondence which is pouring in on him like a torrent. He told the reporters that where formerly there were hundreds of letters, there are actually thousands now. Invitations from all sorts of organizations, requests for personal opinions on every conceivable subject, from politics to birds; appeals for aid, and most valuable advice as to how he should conduct himself in the future are a few things the colonel has to contend with. He's working like a war horse to do it.

Worried by Western Trip.

The approaching Western trip, beginning in the latter part of next month, is a source of worry to Col. Roosevelt. Since the itinerary was announced last week, he has received dozens of bids for speeches, in addition to those already scheduled.

He said to-day that towns en route think that so long as he is in the vicinity he can easily and without any extra trouble hang around and talk a little more. Of course, he remarked, he cannot do any such thing. The speeches from the rear end of the train will be as limited as possible.

Spontaneous Parties Barred.

The colonel knows that this first jaunt half way across the continent is going to be a lively proposition, and he will have to cut down on spontaneous parties. So far as politics is concerned, Col. Roosevelt said to-night that he really does not know how active a part he will take this fall. He may touch a few vital spots in his Western speeches. He will undoubtedly make several speeches in the New York campaign. Details are to be planned later.

REVOLT IN LIBERIA.

Troops Are Defeated by Natives After Sharp Fighting.

Severe fighting has occurred in Liberia near Cape Palmas, between the natives and Liberian troops. The troops were defeated.

Commander John F. Luby, U. S. N., commanding the cruiser Des Moines, reported to the Navy Department yesterday that his vessel was proceeding to the Canary Islands, there being four cases of black fever among the crew.

The Des Moines will stop at Monrovia and Dakar.

BOGUS COIN IN CELL.

Convict Has Counterfeiting Plant in Charlestown Prison.

Boston, July 21.—There was a ball game in the yard of the Charlestown State prison last Saturday and a prisoner came to Deputy Warden Allen with a coin in his hand. He said he won a bet from another prisoner on the result of the game, but he didn't like the looks of the money.

The cell of the prisoner who lost the bet was searched. There were found some particles of tin and lead, and also a plaster mold. The supposition is that the suspect has been manufacturing counterfeit half dollars in this mold and passed one on his fellow-convict.

The United States Secret Service Agent Ahern is making an investigation.

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WHAT IT ALL COSTS.

The parapet and pit of Battery De Russey cost approximately \$300,000, and was built about eight years ago. The gun to which the accident occurred cost \$43,000, and the carriage on which the weapon was mounted cost \$45,000.

The gun had a normal capacity of one shot every forty-five seconds, but it has to its credit the record of perhaps the world's fastest firing—one shot for every thirty seconds for six shots in succession. The muzzle velocity of the gun is 2,200 feet per second, carrying a projectile weighing 1,066 pounds.

The maximum range is twelve miles, but the projectile hurled from the gun would penetrate modern battle ship armor at a distance of six miles.

GUN KILLS TEN

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ninth Company for May and June, and no record of enlistment within the past three years is to be found in the department for any man of that name.

Col. Townsley said that the accident was probably due to the premature ignition of a powder charge while it was being placed in the gun.

Lieut. Van Dusen is a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, to which he was appointed from New Jersey on June 15, 1905. He was graduated with the class of 1909.

Col. Townsley, the commandant of the post at Fort Monroe, is also in command of the Coast Artillery School, one of the most famous institutions of its kind in the world.

ACCIDENT NO FLAREBACK, SAYS MAJ. E. T. O'HEARN, OF ORDNANCE BUREAU

In the absence of Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of ordnance, who was present at the accident, Lieut. Col. John T. Thompson was acting chief of that bureau yesterday.

Col. Thompson knew nothing about the accident, except what he gleaned from the two official dispatches and the press reports. Maj. Edward T. O'Hearn, one of the gunnery experts of the Bureau of Ordnance, manifested keenest interest as to the cause and nature of the accident, and was in telephonic communication.

Speaking from his limited information, Maj. O'Hearn said: "Such an accident surprises me completely. I don't think it was a flareback, as we were particularly well guarded against that kind of an accident. It was apparently a premature ignition of the charge, and the best known automatic safety device, which we have used on those guns for years, apparently failed."

"Although I understand there have been three previous accidents to large guns in the army, I cannot find a record of any one being exactly like this. This is certainly by far the most disastrous."

The gun figuring in the tragedy is what is known as a disappearing gun. There are five guns of its type at Fort Monroe. Gen. Oliver, Acting Secretary of War, who has always been deeply interested in the work of the ordnance department, also was at a loss to explain the accident.

PLAN OF FORT TO STOP ENTRY OF "TARGET FLEET"

Fort Monroe is the main key in the defense of the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay, and in the target practice scheduled it was the plan for the fort near Old Point to prevent the entry of a supposed enemy, consisting of five huge floating targets, each one of which represented the broadside of a battle ship.

These targets were each 35 feet high and 60 feet long, and they were low. It was the plan for the gunners in the fort to wait until the "target fleet" had passed through the Capes, and until the targets had reached the vicinity of the so-called "Horse Shoe" before firing.

The range was to be about six miles. Upon the targets the guns from the fort were to belch forth destruction in the shape of ten and twelve-inch projectiles from the huge disappearing guns, and the mortar batteries were also to be brought into play.

The target fleet was to make an attempt to run the gauntlet of the Fort Monroe fortifications, consisting of seven powerful batteries.

Battery de Russey, because of the fact that it is armed with three twelve-inch guns, is regarded as the strongest completed battery in the entire system of American coast fortifications.

So remarkably successful was that practice that this year every high officer who could possibly get away was in attendance.

WOOD PULP IS PLENTIFUL.

Consul at Quebec Says There Will Be No Shortage.

The State Department has received a report from Gebhard Willich, American consul at Quebec, on the supply of pulp wood available in that province. There is no likelihood, he says, of a shortage for the market in the United States because of the restrictions placed by the provincial authorities upon the exportations of pulp wood cut on crown lands.

The market for pulp wood, he added, has been poor, which shows a lack of demand on the part of buyers in the United States.

EAGLES HOLD INITIATION.

Local Aerie Passes Upon 150 Membership Applications.

At a meeting of Aerie No. 125, F. O. E., last night, five new members were initiated. More than 100 applications for membership were received and passed upon.

Following the regular meeting, a buffet lunch was served. Those initiated were William T. Doyle, M. A. Fitzpatrick, Morris Davis, Theodore T. Hutchison, and John Ready.

Patriarchs Plan Excursion. Canton Washington, No. 1, Patriarchs Millant, I. O. O. F., is busy making preparations for their excursion to Chesapeake Beach to be given next Monday. The committee in charge has provided amusement for all, and there will be races for all. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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15c Pillow Cases 94c
45x36 Pillow Cases; made of extra quality cotton; no dressing; 3-inch hem. Selling at 15c.

124c Wash Fabrics 64c
27-inch-wide Lawns and Batistes; a full range of figures; floral, dot, check, and stripe effects; sheer and fine.

25c Linens 14c
36-inch Tan Dress Linens; extra heavy quality; for suits and skirts; only 900 yards in all. Sell at 25c.

GIRL IS SENT BACK

Winsome Waitress Returns to Philadelphia Home.

In spite of her tears and protestations, winsome brown-eyed Bessie Leonard was arrested last night by a central office detective and sent back to her home in Philadelphia. She ran away over three weeks ago because she "was at outs with the home folks."

The girl is nineteen years of age, married, and has one child. She came to Washington and obtained a place in a lunch room at 410 D street northwest.

A telegram was received yesterday from T. J. O'Leary, chief of the Philadelphia police, requesting the local authorities to arrest the girl and detain her until a man arrived from Philadelphia to take her home. She was put in the House of Detention at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and left for the Quaker City last night at 8 o'clock in company with a Philadelphia detective.

The girl said she had been married a year, and for a time was very happy with her husband and her mother with whom she lived. Several weeks ago she took a notion that she wanted to go away and make her own living, but neither her husband nor her mother would agree to it. She then made up her mind to run away.

She had saved all the money she could get hold of, and then took a train for Washington. Here she got a place as waitress.

The young mother shook with grief, repented at the House of Detention last night, and said she was glad to go home to see her baby boy.

VAST COAL DEAL COMPLETED

Contract to Run Twenty Years, and Involves \$60,000,000.

Davis Coal and Coke Company Will Supply Great Tonnage to Bethlehem Works.

Baltimore, July 21.—The biggest single coal contract ever let in the East has just been obtained by the Davis Coal and Coke Company from the Bethlehem Steel Company, which runs for a period of twenty years and exceeds \$60,000,000.

Announcement of the completion of negotiations that have been going on for some time between President Charles M. Schwab, of the steel company, and President B. F. Bush, of the Western Maryland, also head of the Davis Coal and Coke Company, was made this afternoon.

The provisions of the contract, which has been signed by all parties concerned, call for the delivery by the Davis Coal and Coke Company to the Bethlehem Steel Company, at South Bethlehem, Pa., for by-product coke ovens that are to be erected at South Bethlehem. The contract will start on the completion of 300 ovens by May, 1912, and it is to run for twenty years. The minimum tonnage

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To fulfill the big contract which it has

obtained, the Davis Coal and Coke Com-

pany has planned to expend about \$1-

\$0,000 in improving its property. The

corporation is now opening three new

shaft mines and one drift mine near

Thomas, W. Va. These mines are to

be ready for operation next summer.

JETT PLEADS GUILTY.

Arraigned before United States Com-

missioner Taylor yesterday upon charges

of using the mails with intent to de-

fraud, Vernon Jett, alias Harry Arnold,

entered a plea of guilty, and was com-

mitted to jail in default of \$100 bail to

await action of the grand jury.

Jett was arrested Wednesday by De-

tectives Howlett and Pratt, of the Cen-

tral office, upon the complaint of Maj. Lit-

tle, post-office inspector. It was charged

that he had obtained commissions from

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